

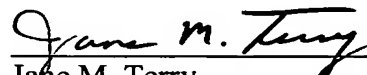
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 2-5 have been currently amended, and new Claims 6-10 have been added. Original Claims 1-5 are based on Claims 1-5 of PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/01939, as originally filed. Support for the amended and new claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Particular support for amended Claims 2 and 3 can be found in original Claims 2 and 3, respectively. Particular support for amended Claim 4 and new Claims 6 and 7 can be found in original Claims 3 and 4 and on pages 1, 3, 11 and 12 of the specification. Particular support for amended Claim 5 and new Claims 8-10 can be found in original Claim 5 and on pages 20-24 of the specification. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amended and new claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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